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June 15, 2021

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia SC 29210

**Re: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment or Gas Adjustment)  
Docket No. 2021-3-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On March 22, 2021, the Clerk's Office issued a Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines (the "Notice") in the above-referenced docket, along with a transmittal letter instructing Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") to furnish the Notice to customers via bill insert on or before May 21, 2021. Pursuant to the March 22, 2021 transmittal letter, I have enclosed for filing on behalf of DEC an Affidavit affirming that the Notice in the above-referenced docket was provided by bill insert to DEC's retail customers in South Carolina who have elected to receive their bill via mail, on or before May 21, 2021. I have also enclosed for filing on behalf of DEC an Affidavit affirming that the Notice in the above-referenced docket was provided by direct email to DEC's retail customers in South Carolina who have elected to receive their bill via electronic mail on May 21, 2021.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Katie M. Brown

Enclosures

cc: Parties of record



**BEFORE**  
**THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**DOCKET NO. 2021-3-E**

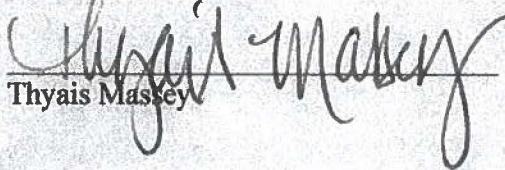
In the Matter of: )

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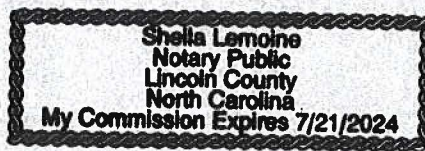
PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Thyais Massey, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Senior Revenue Analyst for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; that under her direction and supervision, the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines (the "Notice") attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein has been furnished by U.S. mail to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC who receive their monthly bills via mail. The Notice was furnished between the dates of April 15, 2021 to May 13, 2021.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
 Thyais Massey

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
 this the 11 day of June, 2021.

  
 Notary Public for North Carolina  
 My Commission Expires: July 21, 2024





## G.S. § 10B-41 NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Lincoln County, North Carolina

I certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, each acknowledging to me that he or she signed the foregoing document: Thyais Massey

Date: June 11, 2021



Sheila Lemoine  
Official Signature of Notary

Sheila Lemoine, Notary Public

My commission expires: July 21, 2024

I signed this notarial certificate on June 11, 2021 according to the emergency video notarization requirements contained in G.S. 10B-25.

Notary Public location during video notarization: Lincoln County

Stated physical location of principal during video notarization: Mecklenburg County

This certificate is attached to an Affidavit signed by Thyais Massey on June 11, 2021.

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OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
CLERK'S OFFICE

NOTICE OF HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

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**ANNUAL REVIEW OF BASE RATES FOR FUEL COSTS OF DUKE ENERGY  
CAROLINAS, LLC (FOR POTENTIAL INCREASE OR DECREASE IN  
FUEL ADJUSTMENT)**

S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865 (Supp. 2020) established a procedure for annual hearings to allow the Commission and all interested parties to review the fuel purchasing practices and policies of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and for the Commission to determine if any adjustment in the fuel cost recovery mechanism is necessary and reasonable. Section 58-27-865(B) states, in part, "Upon conducting public hearings in accordance with the law, the Commission shall direct each company to place in effect in its base rate an amount designed to recover, during the succeeding twelve months, the fuel costs determined by the Commission to be appropriate for that period, adjusted for the over-recovery or under-recovery from the preceding twelve-month period." Coincident with this proceeding and pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-39-140, the Commission will also determine whether an increase or decrease should be granted in the fuel cost component designed to recover the incremental or avoided costs incurred by the Company to implement its distributed energy resource program previously approved by the Commission.

**If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment in rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** a hearing, pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817 and S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-865(B), on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Monday, September 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. The hearing may continue through **Tuesday, September 14, 2021**, if necessary.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a Party of Record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 15, 2021**, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all Parties of Record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2021-3-E and mail a copy to all other Parties in this docket.*** Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the

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hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and Heather C. Smith, Esquire, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 40 W. Broad Street, Suite 690, Greenville, South Carolina 29601, on or before **June 15, 2021. Please refer to Docket No. 2021-3-E.**

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and **Docket No. 2021-3-E.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicants, Petitioners, and Intervenorers only):**

**\*\*** On or before **8/30/2021**, please provide the order of witnesses to be presented during the hearing, whether there is an objection to taking direct and rebuttal or surrebuttal testimony together during the hearing, and whether or not there is a desire to use panels of witnesses. **\*\***

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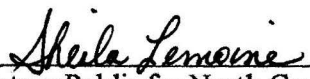
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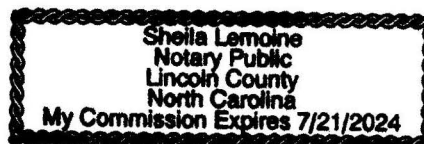
PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Michael K Keller, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a Managing Director of Customer Engagement Execution and Governance for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, that under his direction and supervision, the Notice of Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines (the "Notice") attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein was furnished via email on May 21, 2021 to all customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC who have elected to receive their monthly bills via electronic mail.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Michael K Keller

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 10 day of JUNE, 2021.

  
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Notary Public for North Carolina  
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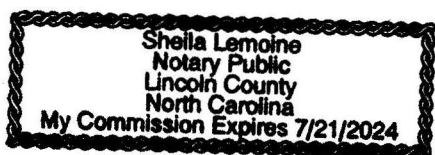


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## Important Notice

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The purpose of this proceeding is for the Commission to review the fuel purchasing practices of Duke Energy Carolinas and rates related to the fuel cost recovery mechanism. The Commission directed that all Duke Energy Carolinas customers receive a copy of the Notice on or before May 21, 2021.

Due to a weblink error, you previously may not have been able to access the Notice. You can access a copy of the Notice by [clicking this link](#).



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